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Reasons 1.4 (b,d).

11. (C) We delivered reftel non-paper to MFA Security Affairs Deputy Director General Avni Bicakli on September 7 and Disarmament Office DDG Bulent Meric on September 8. Meric said Turkish financial authorities have ascertained that Turkish companies are not directly or indirectly involved with sales of military equipment to North Korea, but continue to monitor commercial activities. He assured us that, as a possible transit country, Turkey understands its responsibilities and remains watchful of potential attempts to move missiles or WMD through or over its territory.

12. (C) Meric assured us that Turkey regards North Korea as requiring particular vigilance under the catch-all provisions of the export control and non-proliferation regimes to which Turkey is a signatory. We stressed to Meric and Bicakli that the USG is ready to work with Turkey to improve border controls and reminded him that early parliamentary ratification of our bilateral EXBS agreement will allow us to provide Turkey with modern monitoring equipment.

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